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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

The Hon'ble Mr. F. A. NICHOLSON, C.I.E.

READ—the following letter from M.R.Ry. M. TIRUMALAI PILLAI Avargal, Special Deputy Collector, Periyár Irrigation, Madura, to the Collector of Madura, dated 28th October 1900, Dis. No. 140-R.

I have the honour to submit my progress report for the quarter ending 30th September 1900.

2. *Sub-division of survey fields.*—The Assistant Superintendent and Deputy Collector in charge of No. IV Survey Party has been entrusted with the work of sub-division. In my last progress report I stated that I had again addressed the Deputy Collector in charge of Survey to furnish the information regarding the sub-division of fields in Madura and Melúr taluks already completed. The Survey Deputy Collector in his No. 1010, dated 19th August 1900, has furnished the marginally-noted information for 56 villages of Madura taluk where sub-division work has been completed and added that the information for the villages of the Melúr taluk could not be furnished now as the sub-division survey records have already been submitted to the Central Survey Office, Madras. I have again asked him to furnish the information after obtaining the same from the Central Office. Besides the 56 villages in which the sub-division work has been completed, the work in 29 other villages is in progress.

Particulars.	Extent involved.
	ACS.
1. Sales	3,507·62
2. Periyár channels	391·26
3. Darkhasts	1,168·45
4. Cross roads	15·37
Total ...	5,082·70

3. *Disposal of applications for loans.*—During the quarter under report 57 applications involving an amount of Rs. 14,755 were received and the total number of applications for disposal during the quarter, including the pending cases of the previous quarter, was 242 involving an amount of Rs. 46,101. Of these, 45 applications involving an amount of Rs. 7,610 were rejected for various reasons. Fifty-four applications involving an amount of Rs. 6,228 were accepted during the quarter under report, leaving a balance of 143 applications involving an amount of Rs. 28,076 exclusive of the sum of Rs. 4,187 being the reduction in the amount applied for. Including the cases that awaited payment at the end of the previous quarter, the number of cases in which advances were made during the quarter was 56 and the total amount advanced including the payment of second instalment was Rs. 8,010–8–0 against Rs. 17,632–8–0 in the previous quarter. Of the 143 applications shown as pending, 27 applications have since been disposed of. The remaining 116 applications are

pending receipt of reports from the Special Revenue Inspectors on encumbrance certificates which were received in August last and of irrigability and encumbrance certificates from the Public Works Department and Registration Department respectively as shown below :—

With whom pending.	One month and under	More than one month and less than three months.	More than three months and less than six months.	More than six months.	Total.
1. Special Revenue Inspectors	8	14	44	8	74
2. Registration Department	18	3	7	..	28
3. Public Works Department	..	..	4	2	6
4. Survey Deputy Collector and Tahsildar of Madura	2	..	2	2	6
5. Special Revenue Inspectors pending first report.	2	..	..	..	2
Total ..	30	17	57	12	116

The Special Revenue Inspectors were engaged in the inspection and sales of waste lands during the months of July, August and September and consequently there was not much progress in this branch of work during the quarter. However, strict orders have been issued to the Special Revenue Inspectors to dispose of all the pending applications soon and reminders also have been sent to other officers. Out of the allotment of Rs. 87,250 under the Land Improvement Loans Act and Rs. 20,700 under the Agriculturists Loans Act placed at my disposal for the current official year, a sum of Rs. 15,490 under the Land Improvement Loans Act and Rs. 10,153 under the Agriculturists Loans Act were disbursed up to the quarter, leaving a balance of Rs. 71,760 and Rs. 10,547 under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists Loans Acts, respectively. Prompt steps are being taken to utilize the full amount of the allotment before the close of the official year.

4. *Laying out of distributaries.*—During the quarter under report, requisitions from the Public Works Department for the acquisition of lands for three distributaries and channels were received and the total number of requisitions that had to be complied with during the quarter including the number of requisitions pending at the end of the previous quarter was 14. In the report of the previous quarter the number pending was shown as 10 instead of 11 by mistake. Out of these 14, in four, lands were measured by the Special Revenue Inspectors and draft declarations submitted to Government for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette.* The total extent measured by the Special Revenue Inspectors was 1·64 acres against 27 cents in the previous quarter. The remaining 10 requisitions are pending measurements of lands by Special Revenue Inspectors and the lands covered by them will be handed over to the Public Works Department soon. The slow progress in this branch of work during the quarter under report is also due to the reason given in paragraph 3 above. However, strict orders have been issued to measure the lands and submit the necessary draft declarations soon. The number of requisitions pending at the end of the quarter under report is given below :—

One month and under	3
More than one month and not more than six months	7
Total ...	10

The total amount of compensation disbursed to the parties during the quarter under report amounts to Rs. 788-1-2 against Rs. 357-8-7 in the previous quarter. There are 22 old pending cases. Prompt steps are being taken to dispose of them soon.

5. *Sales of waste lands.*—As stated in my report for the last quarter, waste lands in 14 villages were notified for sale both in the Madura and Melúr taluks ; but the sales were actually conducted only in 13 villages, seven in Madura taluk and six in Melúr

taluk. The sale of the remaining one village, viz., Andarkottaram of Madura taluk was stopped in accordance with your reference on current No. 1989-Genl. of 1900, dated 15th August 1900, as the Executive Engineer on reconsideration felt difficult to certify that the lands can be sold as double crop lands. An extent of 554·93 acres as originally certified by the Public Works Department as irrigable was advertised for sale, but on subsequent revised certificates of the department and on the inspection of Revenue officers as directed in G.O., No. 541, dated 15th August 1899, only 226·31 acres in the seven villages of the Madura taluk and 151·43 acres in the six villages of the Melúr taluk were available for sale and these were sold for Rs. 32,349 and Rs. 26,515 respectively and the results of the sales have been reported to you then and there on the completion of the sales in each village. A general report on the results of the sales of waste lands will be submitted shortly. Up to date waste lands measuring about 5,350·60 acres have been sold for Rs. 4,96,820 in 85 villages. A comparative statement of the different sales is given below :—

Taluk.	September 1897, first sales.			December 1897 to February 1898, second sales.			April to September 1898, third sales.		
	Extent.	Amount.	Average.	Extent.	Amount.	Average.	Extent.	Amount.	Average.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		RS. A.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	RS.
Madura	2,384·95	2,12,462 14	90	911·78	98,003	108	1,093·12	84,042	77
Melúr	..	..	..	..	..	..	419·11	25,975	62
Total ..	2,384·95	2,12,462 14	90	911·78	98,003	108	1,512 23	110,017	73

Taluk.	February 1900, fourth sales.			August and September 1900, fifth sales.			Total.		
	Extent.	Amount.	Average.	Extent.	Amount.	Average.	Extent.	Amount.	Average.
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	ACS.	RS.	RS.	ACS.	RS.	RS.	ACS.	RS. A.	RS.
Madura	121 44	13,887	114	226·31	32,349	143	4,737·60	4,40,743 14	93
Melúr	42·46	3,587	84	151·43	26,515	175	613·00	56,077 0	91
Total ..	163·90	17,474	106	377·74	58,864	156	5,350·60	4,96,820 14	93

It will be seen from the above that the results of the last sales were most satisfactory. This is due to increased confidence in the Periyár project owing to its unfailing supply of water in the last two or three trying years when the adjoining districts suffered greatly. I beg permission to mention in this connection that the inspection of the waste lands, their sub-division wherever necessary, pegmarking them for identification, &c., publication and communication to likely purchasers have occupied the whole time of myself, the Special Tahsildar and all the Revenue Inspectors all throughout the quarter. The fact that I had myself to be in camp on 75 days out of 92 days of the quarter will give you an idea of the hard work the special department had to do in connection with the sales.

The proposal of the Executive Engineer for the sale of some tank-bed lands referred to in my last report was sanctioned in B.P. No. 4034, dated 9th August 1900, subject to certain conditions laid down by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and communicated to me in your Reference on Cur. No. 1256-Genl. of 1900, dated 28th August 1900. The Executive Engineer informed (*vide* your No. 2367, dated 7th August 1900), that he had inspected three tanks for sale and the Survey Deputy Collector has arranged for sub-division work in two of them, the third being not actually ready. The Survey Deputy Collector has kindly arranged to do this work

by a number of hands and as soon as information is received from the Public Works Department that other tanks are ready for sale, he can set other men to commence work in them.

I must mention here that the ryots of Thandalai village, whose tank happened to be the first taken up for sale and sub-division work, have filed a suit in the District Munsif's court for a permanent injunction against the sale of the tank-bed lands and have also applied for a temporary injunction against advertising their sale. The case and the application are posted for the 27th proximo. I have submitted my report on the suit in my R. Dis. No. 139, dated 28th October 1900.

6. *Whole inam and zemin tanks supplied with Periyár water.*—During the quarter under report 90 applications for Periyár water to whole inam and zemin tanks were received and they were all complied with. Eighty applications for inam dry lands were received, of which, permission for 57 applications was given as they were certified by the Public Works Department to be drainage-affected. The remaining 23 applications were rejected.

7. *Prospects of extension of wet cultivation.*—During the quarter under report 951 applications for Periyár water for the conversion of dry lands into wet of 4,476·16 acres were received. Including the 153 applications pending at the end of the previous quarter, the total number of applications that had to be disposed of during the quarter was 1,104. Of this 1,011 applications were disposed of and of the remaining 93 applications 70 have since been disposed of and the remaining 23 applications covering an extent of 57 acres have been referred to the Public Works Department.

8. *Cross roads.*—As regards the work of cross roads, I beg to report that ten miles and two furlongs of roadway were investigated during the quarter. Lines have been aligned and lockspitted for a distance of ten miles and seven furlongs and demarcation stones have been planted for twelve miles and six furlongs. Declarations for lands to be acquired have been submitted to a distance of fourteen miles and eight furlongs. Earth works to a distance of four miles and seven furlongs have been completed and work to a distance of one mile and four furlongs is in progress.

Endorsement by J. A. CUMMING, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, dated 8th November 1900, Ref. on Cur. No. 395-Pdl.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Madras.

2. The short work turned out by the Special Deputy Collector and his subordinates is attributed to their being engaged in arrangements for sales of waste lands in Madura and Mélúr taluks. Having regard to the nature and variety of the work that has to be done before conducting these sales as stated in paragraph 5 of the Special Deputy Collector's letter, I think his explanation for short work may be accepted. It is hoped however that the Special Deputy Collector will be able to show better results as regards disposal of applications for loans and acquisition of lands for distributaries in the current quarter. There is room for improvement in both branches. In his statement of pending loan applications the Deputy Collector has omitted the 27 applications disposed of after the end of the quarter which he certainly should not have done.

3. The amount placed at the disposal of the Special Deputy Collector out of the allotment sanctioned for this district for loans is Rs. 1,07,950.

4. I consider the result of the sales to be very satisfactory. The average price has doubled in three years.

5. The suit referred to in the end of paragraph 5 is a novel one. It is a test case and I have directed the Government Pleader to attend to it personally. I can hardly suppose the ryots will succeed.

Resolution—No. 529, dated 26th November 1900.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The marginally-noted abstract gives particulars of the sub-division work done by the Survey Department in 56 villages of the Madura taluk. The work in 29 other villages is stated to be in progress. The information called for regarding the work done in the Mélúr taluk should be submitted in due course.

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3. The number of applications for loans received and disposed of during the quarter is shown below :—

	No.	Amount. RS.
Pending at the beginning of the quarter	185	31,346
Received during the quarter	57	14,755
Total ...	242	46,101
Disposed of—		
Reduction of amounts applied for	...	4 187
Rejected	45	7,610
Accepted	54	6,228
Pending at the end of the quarter	143	28,076
Total ...	242	46,101

The Deputy Collector reports that out of the 143 applications pending, 27 have since been disposed of and the remaining 116 are pending for various causes, 74 of them being with the Special Revenue Inspectors, against whom it is observed that 52 applications are pending for more than three months. The Deputy Collector states that, as the Special Revenue Inspectors were engaged in the inspection and sales of waste lands during July, August and September, they were not able to make much progress. The Board hopes that better results will be shown in this branch of work in the progress report for the current quarter.

Out of the allotment of Rs. 87,250 under the Land Improvement Loans Act and Rs. 20,700 under the Agriculturists' Loans Act or Rs. 1,07,950 in all placed at the Deputy Collector's disposal, a sum of Rs. 15,490 under the former and Rs. 10,153 under the latter Act or Rs. 25,643 in all was disbursed up to the quarter. The balance amounts to Rs. 82,307 or 76 per cent. and the Deputy Collector states that prompt steps are being taken to utilize the allotment in full before the close of the official year.

4. Including the three applications received from the Public Works Department for the acquisition of lands for distributaries and channels, there were 14 applications to be dealt with during the quarter. The Deputy Collector states that in four cases, lands were measured and draft declarations submitted to Government for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*. The total extent measured by the Revenue Inspectors was 1·64 acres against 27 cents in the previous quarter. The short work in this branch is also attributed to the cause mentioned in paragraph 3 *supra*. Steps have been taken by the Deputy Collector to secure the prompt disposal of the remaining ten applications which are pending measurement of lands by the Special Revenue Inspectors.

Compensation amounting to Rs. 788-1-2 was disbursed during the quarter against Rs. 357-8-7 in the previous quarter. It is reported that there are 22 old pending cases and that steps are being taken to dispose of them shortly.

5. Of the waste lands notified for sale in fourteen villages, as stated in the review for the previous quarter, sales are reported to have been actually conducted in only thirteen villages, seven in Madura and six in Mélúr taluk.

An extent of 226·31 acres in the seven villages of the Madura taluk and of 151·43 acres in the six villages of the Mélúr taluk were sold for Rs. 32,349 and Rs. 26,515, respectively; these figures yield an average price per acre of Rs. 156 which is double that of three years ago.

The result of the suit referred to in the concluding portion of paragraph 5 of the Duputy Collector's report should be reported to the Board in due course.

6. During the quarter under review 90 applications for Periyár water to zamin and inam tanks were received and complied with. Of 80 applications to inam dry lands, only 57 were complied with as they were certified to be drainage-affected.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of Madura.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue.

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Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, No. 529, dated 26th November 1900.

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2. The result of the suit referred to in para[illegible] 5 of the Board's Proceedings should be reported to Govern[illegible].

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Secretary to Government.

To

The Board of Revenue, R.S.

The Public Works Department (Irrigation)